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- 1. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION HERE BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN OUR EARLIER REPORTING (MOSCOW 14673 AND 14767), WHICH WE ARE REPEATING TO OSLO. WE AGREE THAT THE FOUR ALTERNATIVES IN PARA 1 REFTEL STATE THE POSSIBILITIES ACCURATELY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SAKHAROV HAS FORMALLY APPLIED FOR A PASSPORT, WHICH IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS BY WHICH A SOVIET CITIZEN GOES ABORAD.
- 2. IN ESSENCE, SOVIET OFFICIALS MUST DECIDE WHETHER THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISSIDENT MOVEMENT WHICH SAKHAROV'S DEPARTURE AND RETURN WOULD GIVE IS WORTH THE INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA KUDOS. IN ANY CASE, WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD GIVE ANY INDICATION OF THEIR EVENTUAL DECISION UNTIL LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT BEFORE AWARD CEREMONY.
- 3. WE WILL SEND ALL FUTURE REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT TO EMBASSY OSLO.
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